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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Tony M. Pearce )  
Application No.: 09/932,393 )  
Filed: August 17, 2001 )  
For: CUSHIONS WITH NON-INTERSECTING- )  
COLUMNAR ELASTOMERIC MEMBERS )  
EXHIBITING COMPRESSION INSTABILITY )  
Examiner: Peter D. Mulcahy )  
Group Art Unit: 1713 )  
Attorney Docket: 03886.029 / 5050.1 P )



**RESPONSE**

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Honorable Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated 12/31/2003 ("Office Action"), Applicants submit herewith this Response with Amendments and Remarks. This paper is intended to be fully responsive to each of the points made by the Examiner in the Office Action.

**Remarks**

Applicant has addressed each issue in turn and, for clarity, has provided a heading for each issue.

**35 U.S.C. § 112**

The § 112 rejection has been withdrawn.